

Police Inspector, 3 Civilians, 2 Gunmen Die In Attack On Police In Aba



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Six persons were reportedly killed in Aba, the commercial hub of Abia State, yesterday, following an attack on a police patrol team by some gunmen.

Unconfirmed report from eyewitnesses at the scene of the incident at Ngwa Road by Mosque Street, Aba, claimed that about three police officers were killed, but an official statement from the Abia State Police Command said otherwise.

The Abia Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Mau – reen Chinaka, said a police officer identified as Inspector Shehu Oyibo was killed by the gunmen during the attack.

Chinaka also confirmed that three civilians identified as Chika Godliveth (M), Onyenaturuchi Jonah (M), 32 years old from Item, Abia State and Eniobong Godsgift Clement (F) 18 years old, from Akwa Ibom State were killed by bullets from the assailants.

The Abia Police Command PPRO equally confirmed that during the exchange of gunfire, two of the assailants were neutralised, while others escaped with various degrees of bullet injuries.

According to the PPRO, “Today, July 21, 2024, at about 1128hrs, police operatives attached to the Rapid Response Squad (RRS), Aba, Abia State Command, while on patrol along Ngwa Road by Mosque junction, Aba, were attacked by armed assailants in an ash colored Sienna vehicle.

“The armed men opened fire on the police personnel, and the operatives repelled the attack, preventing what could have been a deadlier outcome.

“Bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the mortuary, while investigation is ongoing to arrest the fleeing hoodlums.

“The public is assured to go about their lawful activities without fear, as officers have been deployed to strategic locations in the state to ensure the protection of life and property.”